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**BOX PATENT APPLICATION**

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b),  
is a Continuation application of PCT International Application  
No. PCT/JP00/02598 filed on April 20, 2000.

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For: MULTIMEDIA INFORMATION COMMUNICATION APPARATUS AND  
METHOD

Enclosed are:

- ☒ A specification consisting of Twenty-seven (27) pages
- ☒ Six (6) sheet(s) of formal drawings
- ☒ An assignment of the invention
- ☒ Certified copy of Priority Document(s)
- ☒ Executed Declaration ☒ Original ☐ Photocopy
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 with reference(s)
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment

☒ Priority of PCT International Application No. PCT/JP00/02598 filed on April 20, 2000 is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120.

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